

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Leonard *et al.*

Serial No. 09/708,352

Filed: November 8, 2000

For: **“Vaccines for Mycoplasma Bovis and Method of Use”**

Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Ford, V.

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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March 11, 2002

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated October 10, 2001. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claim:

21. (New) A vaccine comprising at least one inactivated *Mycoplasma bovis* biotype and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, wherein the vaccine is protective against *Mycoplasma bovis* mastitis in a bovine species following systemic administration.

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